

SENATE BILL 3671

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;
Title 6; Title 12 and Title 29, Chapter 20, relative to
responsibility for information left on laptop
computers or other removable storage devices.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) Each state agency shall create safeguards and procedures for ensuring that confidential information regarding citizens is securely protected on all laptop computers and other removable storage devices used by such state agency.

(b) All municipalities and counties shall create safeguards and procedures for ensuring that confidential information regarding citizens is securely protected on all laptop computers and other removable storage devices used by such municipality or county.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, failure to comply with this section shall create a cause of action or claim for damages against the state, municipality, county, public employee or other official if a citizen of this state proves by clear and convincing evidence that such citizen was a victim of identity theft due to a failure to provide safeguards and procedures regarding that citizen's confidential information.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.